(vi) Housing Finance-II (LN 1759) (Loan Amount-US $ 40 million).

(vii) Housing Finance-II (LN 1761) (Loan Amount-US $ 80 million).

Deaths due to faulty elevators

4622. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a fatal accident on 20th March, 2003 which caused sad demise of a senior officer due to faulty operation of lift in CGO Complex, was preceded by similar fatal accident in January this year when the elevator of Minto Bridge Government flats collapsed;

(b) whether these deaths were due to negligence, poor maintenance, floating safety norms and defective elevators;

(c) whether action has been taken against persons responsible for the faults; and

(d) the measures taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) The operation of the lift in CGO Complex where the fatal accident occurred is not under CPWD's jurisdiction. A senior technician of M/s. Bharat Bijlee Ltd., was trapped, while doing the maintenance of the lift at Minto Road flats which is under the CPWD. However, there was no passenger in it at that time.

(b) The accident at Minto Road was caused due to human error on the part of the technician and co-worker of the specialized firm who were entrusted with the job for maintenance of lifts.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Regular maintenance, through specialized firms/manufacturers, is carried out and all possible steps are taken to avoid accidents.

Shortage of potable water in Delhi

†4623. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any special scheme to deal with the likely shortage of potable water in Delhi in the coming summer season;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) to (c) The Delhi Jal Board has informed that they have formulated a special scheme to deal with the likely shortage of potable water in the coming summer season :—

(i) Syntax tanks of 2,000 litres and 5,000 litres capacity shall be placed at public places in areas where piped water supply is not available. These tanks will be filled by Delhi Jal Board (DJB) tankers. For the safety of quality of water and the tanks, these tanks are proposed to be handed over to "Pani Panchayat" which may consist of three female members and two male members of the area.

(ii) 70 new tube-wells are being bored in the Palla areas which will add about 15 to 20 MGD of water.

(iii) Number of filling stations has been increased from 70 to 83.

(iv) The present fleet of 800 water tankers consisting of departmental and hired tankers is proposed to be increased to 975 in May, 2003. The departmental tankers will ply in 2 shifts. The hired tankers have been engaged for 16 hours and if need be they will be increased.

(v) The number of complaints centres has been increased from 16 to 25. The complaint centres are being computerized and the staff given training for quick handling and prompt action on the complaints.

Irregularities in repair works in Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi

4624. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether irregularities have been committed in repair works undertaken in Type IV Quarters, Sarojini Nagar from 2001 to 31st March, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of repair works with expenditure on each quarter;

(c) whether payment was made without checking the quality of work;